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RECEIVES ISRAEL BOND CITATION IN MIAMI BEACH

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA:- Mr. D. Lou Harris, National Chairman of the State of Israel Bond Organization of Canada ,right) is shown receiving the First Israel Bond Citation from Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, Executive Vice-President of the World Organization. This Citation was presented to Mr. Harris and other outstnding Israel Bond Campaign Chairmen whose leadership contributed signally to the growth of the Israel Bond program since its historic beginnings in 1951. This exquisite scroll was designed by the late Arthur Szyk, and bears the facsimile signatures of the late Dr. Chaim Weizman, the late Eliezer Kaplan, and David Ben Gurion. The presentation took place at the Chairmen's Dinner in conjunction with the International Conference in Miami Beach to mark the inauguration of the 1965 State of Israel Bond Drive in the United States and Canada.

Sad News From Moscow

ANTISEMITISM REVIVED

NEW YORK, (CJN) — The American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry Sunday distributed copies of an article recently published in the leading newspaper of Minsk, Byelorussia, that heaps abuse on Judaism as "the enemy" of the Soviet people.

The article appeared in Zviazda, largest Byelorussian language daily in the capital city of Minsk, population 500.000, including 30,000 to 40,000 Jews. Byelorussia is one of the 15 republics making up the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Label A. Katz, president of B'nai B'rith and chairman of the steering committee of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, composed of 24 national Jewish organizations, said the article, based on "hysterical anti-Semitism', in its abusive character is obviously intended to promote the policy of suppression of Soviet Jewish life".

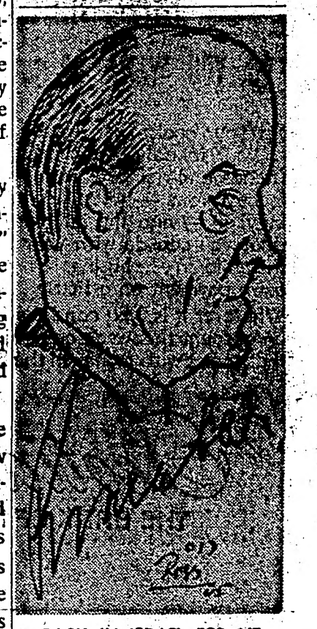
"The prestige of the author and the newspaper also suggests that this is anti-Semitic propaganda sanctioned by Soviet authorities", said Mr. Katz. Officially publication of such material violates Soviet law, which is supposed to make anti-Semitic agitation a crime.

The article, signed by J. Muraviev, senior lecturer at the V. I. Lenin Byelorussian State University, says, "The shadow of the synagogue: It has shrunk and moved back, but it still crosses our path. It is a reminder of the evil, heavy darkness that blinded thousands and thousands of people, poisoned their souls, and stunted their bright aspiration.

"Like all other religions, Judaism is the enemy of human culture, is in contradiction to science, and is the hotbed of a code of morality hostile to us. The synagogue is the evil, ugly shadow of the past...."

The article goes on to say that "the center of contemporary Judaism is the USA" and "at the head of the American Judaism organizations are such leaders of big business as Guggenheim and Morgenthau, Harriman and Rockefeller".

In the Soviet Union, the article says, "Judaism is now going through a deep, insoluble crisis. It is condemned to die out. The synagogue is shriveling up.... Most Jews in the Soviet Union have forever severed their ties with Judaism. They have become fused into the friendly family of Soviet peoples, and all together, with joint efforts, they are creating a new Communist..."



BACK IN ISRAEL FOR NEGOTIATIONS:- Dr. Kurt Birrenbach, Bonn's envoy to Jerusalem, as seen by Israeli cartoonist Ross.

an editorial

KAFKA DRAMA ON MARIA STREET

Scott Young of Toronto's Globe and Mail deserves a prize for reportage in depth for the magnificent story published last Friday. It reads like a novel. Indeed it could be a story right out of Franz Kafka's "The Trial" or "The Castle".

A decent human being — simple, ordinary, a New Canadian — builds up a big business. He tries to live peacefully and in friendship with his neighbors. A former concentration camp inmate in Czechoslovakia, he experienced the hell of both Hitler's national socialism and Stalin's red socialism.

When he set foot on Canadian soil fourteen years ago, junk dealer Ben Stark was told that such "socialist" methods as forcible expropriation of property or the harassment of an honest businessman could not happen here. For this is the free venture society of North America where simple, hard working citizens like Benny Stark, persecuted in the Old Country, have helped build a life of freedom established on the principle of independent enterprise.

But somehow, somewhere, someone pushed Benny—with the intention of shoving him out of business. Why? Benny Stark doesn't know.

Like the character in Kafka's "The Trial", he looks upon his neighbors with amazement and wonder. He feels something is wrong. But, not being a college graduate, only a concentration camp graduate, he cannot define scientifically the animosity surrounding him. So he believes that somewhere on Maria Street prejudiced, bigoted people are conspiring against him. Otherwise, reasons Benny, how could such learned men as the members of Toronto's City Council vote against him without personally investigating what's wrong, if anything, on Maria Street?

We don't say that antisemitism or any other form of bias is involved in this case. In fact, we refuse to believe it. But we do think sincerely that the City Council owes naive though successful Benny Stark a second look and a reaffirmation of the principle that in this country and on this continent a man is free to prosper in business; that Socialism and mob rule still are not rampant on this continent.

Revolt Against PR Leaders

BY A CJN REPORTER

A movement to demand the resignation of top leaders of the Joint Public Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith, was launched this week in Toronto. At a meeting held on Sunday in Toronto's Labor Zionist Centre between the leaders of the Association of Sur-

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• Commentary •

By M. J. Nurenberger

THE WRITER'S DESTINY:

SOLITUDE

I always maintained that the out-of-proportion contribution of Jews to literature and the arts — as well as to the BEST writing in the fourth estate — is the result of the unique Jewish position in the history of mankind. The first Jew is described as a lonely man who, in his solitude, discovered God. And it was then only that he ceased to be ALONE.

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I would define the destiny of the writer as that of permanent loneliness in search of the Thou. It is he, in his isolation, who is perturbed by the perennial mystery puzzling man. This search for Him—the state of being separated from "the community"—is caused usually by his non-conformism, another characteristic of a true writer.

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The Jew who dares face the world attired in clothes unaccepted by society, who challenges the fashions and mores of his time, probably is closer to a Baudelaire (who bleached his hair green in overt defiance of the TOUT PARIS of his time) than many of his contemporaries.

The first Jew, the IVRI, was thus called because he stood on one bank of the river ("meever ehad") with the "entire world" resisting him—against him. Bravely he challenged the idol worshipping society of his day and—most remembered about Abraham perhaps — fought the idolatry of his own father.

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Very few leaders of the Jewish community of North America recognize the difference between releasing publicity stories and writing. To most (especially those in the leadership of the Establishment) a release by a press agent is synonymous with the product of this lonely man, the writer, whose work is an act of love vis-à-vis the people he admires and wishes to enlighten. The writer is an amateur teacher; the public, his classroom. And only the TRUE WRITER influences society.

When the Jewish press on this continent becomes a medium of publicizing personalities instead of serving as guide to the community, it is avoided by legitimate writers born into our fold. All the foibles of this press are attributed to those controlling the Establishment and its fund-raising apparatus, squeezing out of it the last traces of esprit the Jewish press has inherited (from those glorious days when it fought for a cause rather than remain a dumping ground for press agents).

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The press is an important instrument of education. Knowing this, the sainted, late Gerer Rebbe made an appeal only once in his lifetime. And that, on Yom Kippur after Kol Nidre when he urged the Jews of pre-war Poland to support a press he felt would help mould a better society. He then emphasized that the role of the press and its writer was to make havdala against those who make kiddush too often.

In simple, ordinary North American English, this could mean that a newspaper and its writer should separate the holy from the unholy, the relevant from the irrelevant, the lie from the truth—against the glorification of the ignoramus.

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This is a difficult, an ungrateful task. The editor or writer embarking upon this road must accept loneliness as his reward. But in this loneliness he may be gratified by having a glimpse of this truth that was the share of the first Jew — whose recompense for solitude became the discovery of the dialogue with the Thou—the wonderful discovery that, after all, he is not alone.

TO BE HONORED BY OTTAWA JEWRY — Alex Betcherman, dean of Ottawa's Jewish community, who will be the guest of honor at the 1965 Ottawa Negev Dinner, Monday evening, April 5th, at Ottawa's Jewish Community Center. (See editorial, page 4.)

Community To Honor Croll

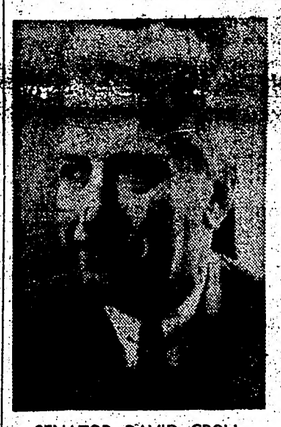
A special committee has been formed to arrange a testimonial dinner which will be held on Wednesday, May 26th, in honor of Senator David Croll, Canada's only Jewish senator and champion of the common man.

Cochairmen of the committee are: Norman Borins, Q.C.; Max Enkin; Louis E. Soupcoff. Other members of the committee are: Arthur Baker; Kalmen Berger; Harvey Borden; Max Borinsky; Frank Cadesky; Harry Ferens; Samuel Gotfrid, Q.C.; Norman Grant; Kenneth Kelman; Joseph Kerbel; Harry Kohl; Lionel Lester; Abbey Muter; Leon Pape; Morley Pape; Montague Raisman; Max Shecter; Albert Shelman; Harry Sklar; Robert J. Slan; Harry Sniderman; Harry Steiner; H. Max Swartz; Marvin Teperman; Harry Ungerman; John Wahl, Q.C.; Maurice Wingold; Ben Wortzman; Max Zuchter; J. J. Zweig; Robert Zweig.

The net proceeds of the dinner will go towards the Senator David Croll Vocational High School in Tiberias, Israel. The school will consist of ten classrooms, laboratories, offices, cafeteria etc. There will be a department for auto-mechanics and electricity; laboratories for experiments in physics, chemistry and agro-mechanics. The total investment in this project is $ 200,000, one half of which will be contributed by the Histadrut in Israel, the other by a special committee in Toronto.

This vocational school project will be an appropriate tribute to Senator Croll who has long been identified as spokesman for the rights of the common man and the working class.

The testimonial dinner will be the culmination of the special project. Already it has created much interest among both the Jewish and non-Jewish citizens of Toronto. Over 100 couples have indicated they wish to serve on the sponsor's committee. All indications are that this affair will be the highlight of the season, according to a statement by the sponsors.



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CANADIAN BUSINESS WORLD TO CELEBRATE RASSCO THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Rassco, Israel's most successful construction concern and one of the richest financial enterprises in the Middle East, will observe soon its thirtieth anniversary. Its Canadian branch, Rassco Associates in Canada, will mark this milestone of the success of private enterprise in the Jewish state by a special event on April 28th, The Canadian Jewish News learned this week.

From Dan to Eilat, and even outside the Jewish state, this multi-million-dollar company continuously has applied Western, especially North American, business methods in its operations. Its shareholders receive highest dividends. It has investors in twenty-five countries and controls resources worth two-hundred-fifty-million pounds. Its employees number over five-thousand men and women in all walks of life.

Many prominent Canadian businessmen are investors in Rassco, which has constructed housing units for 200,000 people up to now.

The special anniversary celebration in Toronto promises to become one of the important events of the year in Canada's business community.

Officers of Rassco Associates in Canada (Israel Rassco Investment Company) are: Arthur Minden, Q.C., chairman of the Board of Directors; Solomon G. Steinhart, president of Allan Bedding Company, and S. Robert Abrahami, Rassco representative in Canada, co-chairmen. Members of the Board of Directors: Joseph N. Frank, past president of the Zionist Organization of Canada; Dr. Stuart E. Rosenberg; Sam Sterling, president of the Sterling and Pleating Company Limited.

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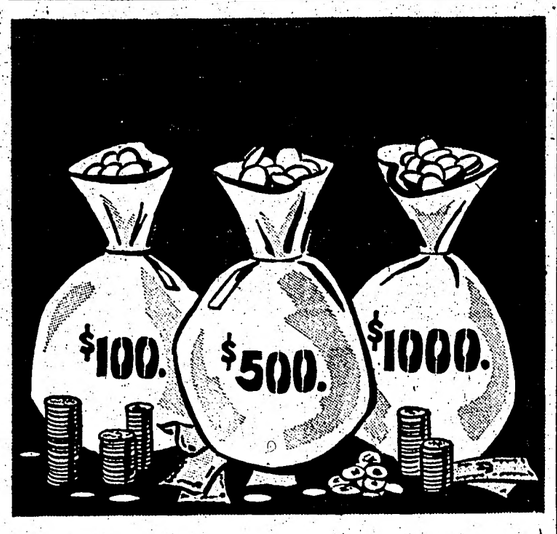

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NEW PROBLEM TROUBLES N.Y. JEWISH COMMUNITY

by AVIVA CANTOR

More than half the hundreds of thousands of drug addicts in the U.S.A. live in New York, and of these more than 10,000 are Jews, 5,000-7,000 of them girls and women, many of whom turn to stealing or prostitution for the money to buy drugs. American law treats narcotics addiction as a criminal rather than a medical problem, and prosecutes those found in possession of drugs.

I discussed the question of Jewish addicts with Rabbi Richard Schachet, who has been working with Jewish women addicts for nearly a year.

Rabbi Schachet, who is 28, became involved with the addiction problem one night about five months ago. He had parked his car, leaving the sign "clergyman" on the windscreen, when a woman came over and asked him if he was a clergyman. "She didn't know then that I was a rabbi and I didn't know that she was Jewish. All she said was that she wanted to talk," Rabbi Schachet said. He talked with the woman for many hours and later helped to get her into the country's only "halfway house," in New York City, and she has succeeded in keeping off drugs for the first time in her life.

After that, Rabbi Schachet began to receive calls from many other girls who needed help, and from their parents and relatives. He spends most of his evenings sitting in a cafe where they know he can be reached, and talking with them and their relatives.

PROSTITUTES

Most of the women drug addicts are prostitutes and have been through the "revolving door" of arrests, trials, the Women's House of Detention (a city gaol) and street-walking. Said Rabbi Schachet: "When a woman gets out of the House of Detention they give her 25 cents and a sandwich. She has nowhere to go. So she goes back to the streets. Then as an escape, she goes back on drugs and soon through the revolving door again."

The Jewish girl, said Rabbi Schachet, sees being a prostitute as "the lowest thing in the world she can become." She will do anything before that to "feed the drug-taking habit" — mostly "boosting" (stealing). But to obtain $15 of drugs an addict has to steal goods worth five times as much, so many addicts turn to prostitution.

Why did these Jewish girls go on to drugs in the first place? Rabbi Schachet considers that the reason is often that the values of American Jews have gone awry. "In too many homes there is simply too much pressure on the children," he said. "The parents make the scholarship of their children a status symbol, the only one left when everyone has cars and homes as symbols of prestige. And for some the pressure is too great."

HALF GO BACK

Although more than 96 per cent of women and girl addicts return to the habit after a spell without them, those taken into the "halfway house" have a better chance. The percentage who return to drugs is 50 per cent. Of the girls Rabbi Schachet has worked with, all but one have broken the habit.

He usually tries to get a girl who has been "detoxified" in a hospital or prison into the one small "halfway house" in the city, but it has room for only 25 girls, and its programme is not geared for rehabilitation. For this reason he hopes to set up another half-way house" with a professional staff. He estimates that it would take $132,000 to set up the house and run it for one year, with operating expenses running at $75,000 annually.

But others are also trying to solve the problem of drug addiction and rehabilitate those trapped by the habit.

Founded seven years ago in California, a Kibbutz-like community (of and for ex-addicts) called Synanon has had remarkable success in keeping them off the habit. Its facilities are run by ex-addicts, who hand over the salaries they earn from working on the outside, and receive food, clothing, shelter, medical care and baby sitting free. "Behaviour changes come about as a side effect of the total intense living situation," said Synanon founder Mr. Charles Dederich.

Of the 500 ex-addicts now at Synanon, more than 100 are Jews. Most come from middle and upper-class homes.

In many ways Jack Kovner, 28, is typical of the Jewish addicts who come to Synanon. He comes from a middle-class Brooklyn family and is a former member of Young Judea, the youth movement of Hadassah and the Zionist Organization of America.

At about 15 years of age he began going about with a "beatnik" crowd in Greenwich Village, and a year later he began taking heroin. He remained on drugs for ten years and was in and out of seven gaols and nine hospitals. He supported his habit by shoplifting, forgery, burglary and "pushing" (illegal selling of drugs).

CHANGED FRIENDS

Jack's mother heard about Synanon through a magazine article which she brought to him in the last hospital he was sent to — and turned out of. The change came when he went to Synanon.

"When I came there I saw some of my old buddies from the street. I was convinced that somehow they had changed, but I didn't know why. It intrigued me. So I stayed on to find out." Jack worked himself up the Synanon ladder, beginning with mopping floors and advancing to the position of "senior representative" — an inmate who goes out into the community, tells people about Synanon and tries to get supplies for it.

I talked to Jack and other ex-addicts when a Synanon delegation came to New York recently to try to get support for its newest project: the building of an entire Synanon city at Tamales Bay, outside San Francisco. I asked him why so many Jewish boys and girls had become drug addicts.

"Jews," he told me, "are pampered children." Like other Synanon members, Jack considers drug addiction a form of infantile behaviour rather than a sickness. Jewish families, he feels, do not know how to "sever the umbilical cord."

The Synanon rehabilitation method is unique and highly successful. There is no pampering and there are no "cages." After the first few days of withdrawal from drugs are over, "somebody puts a rag in your hand and tells you to go and wash the dishes," said Jack Kovner. The system is based on giving everybody some responsibility and increasing it as their rehabilitation progresses.

INTER-RACIAL

Synanon is inter - racial and inter-religious. The 40 children who live with their parents at Synanon "don't know what prejudice is," said Jack Kovner.

Mr. Dederich told me that 95 per cent of the "heavyweight supporters" of Synanon are Jews, and that they are the main underwriters of the Tamales Bay project.

Synanon receives support from all over America, mostly in contributions of less than $50 and in kind. Many Jews contribute clothes and food as well as money. Synanon supporters include men like Mr. Izzy Cohen, who has been given Synanon fresh beigels every morning for the past four years.

GERMAN REPARATIONS NOW IN THE FINAL YEAR

BONN (JCNS) — The West German reparations treaty with Israel is entering its fourteenth and final year with the signing in Bonn last week of the agreement for the delivery to Israel within the next twelve months of goods worth 250 million marks.

The agreement was signed by Dr. F. E. Shinnar, the head of the Israeli mission in Cologne, and Herr Goers, of the West German Ministry of Economics. The amount in the agreement is the same as in previous years.

Since 1952 Israel has bought West German goods worth $648 million and crude oil worth $290 million under the treaty.

A total of 70 per cent of the West German deliveries were investment projects and the rest raw materials.

About 1,500 industrial projects were equipped with modern machines and West German supplies were also used in building the Timna copper works, increasing the production of electric power and expanding the railways. West Germany also built 49 ships for Israel's merchant fleet. Outside the reparations treaty the value of Israeli imports from West Germany increased from $1 million in 1956 to $66 million last year.

West Germany imported goods, including citrus fruit and diamands, worth $42 million from Israel last year, compared with a total of $6 million in 1956.

Austria Helps Victims Of Nazis

VIENNA (JCNS) — More than 90 per cent of the Austrian 550-million schilling (about $21 million) assistance fund for refugees from Nazi persecution living abroad has been distributed.

About 32,000 applicants submitted claims and those born before 1913 have received grants.

In addition a fund of over $24 million is being distributed for loss of occupation or education primarily to victims of Nazism living abroad.

Grants have been paid to about 30,000 out of 45,000 applicants. Each recipient abroad has been paid about $600.

Victims of Nazi persecution living in Austria are receiving grants of between $510 and $720, according to age, from the agencies set up to administer heirless property.

There are two, one for Jews, the other for non-Jews. There have been about 8,000 applications to the first agency and 12,000, mostly from baptised Jews, to the second.

Arab Leader In Fervent Peace Plea

JERUSALEM (JCNS) — Mr. Sief Edin Zuabi, the Arab Mayor of Nazareth, appealed to Arab leaders not to attack Israel and to "abandon all thoughts of war". Israeli Arabs would be in the front line, he said, and doomed to suffer badly.

He was speaking at the opening of an exhibition featuring modern Nazareth. "Ponder our survival and that of our wives, children and property," he appealed to "Arab kings and presidents in the name of Arabdom, whose banner you carry", and "do not assume the responsibility of our destruction."

Mr. Zuabi said that he was speaking in the name of "the remnants of Israel's Arabs, whose continued existence you undoubtedly wish to preserve."

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Mrs. H. Botnick was chairman, assisted by Mrs. T. Stefanski. Others who participated were Mesdames N. L. Rabinovitch, Aaron Wolfe, I. Cass, A. Figdor, S. Dicker, M. Fishbane, M. Lister, M. Nussbaum, M. Schwartz, S. Swartz, S. Waxman, H. Wolfe.

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CANTORS ALL. — Participants at the Second National Convention of Canadian Cantors held last month in Montreal. From left to right: D. Aptowitzer, F. Wyse, A. Wanträff, N. Stolnitz, N. Adler, J. Alter, M. Nixon, J. Cooper, S. Weinstein, J. Fridman.

Toronto Synagogues

ADDRESSES CLUB

This Sunday morning, April 4th, the Rev. R. E. Moran will address the Beth Am Men's Club. His subject will be: The Vatican Council and the Jews.

SENIORS CLUB

● Adath Israel Seniors Club will meet on Monday afternoon, April 5th, at the synagogue.

● Adath Israel ATID, college-age group, will observe, All Day Shabbat, on Saturday, April 3rd, 6:30 p.m.

● Siyum closing event of Adath Israel adult study season will be an address by Rabbi Eugene Weiner of Hamilton's Beth Jacob Congregation, Hamilton, Sunday evening April 11th. He will speak on: I Marched In Selma, Alabama.

● Nominations of officers of Adath Israel Brotherhood will take place at a breakfast meeting on Sunday, April 11th, 10 a.m.

DEDICATION

The official dedication of the Cecil Roth Collection at the museum of Beth Tzedec Congregation will take place on Sunday, April 4th. Dr. Roth and his wife are in Toronto to attend.

The collection of art was obtained during a period of 45 years in the course of Dr. Roth's travels, especially in Italy and the Near East. Included are a collection of prints and portraits illustrating Jewish history; illuminated marriage contracts from many countries; Hanukah lamps from various countries; Sabbath lamps, one considered the oldest in existence; scrolls of Esther with illuminations; embroideries; ancient Hebrew coins; paintings; synagogue silver.

FESTIVAL SERVICE

● Tonight, Friday, April 2nd, Holy Blossom Temple's festival service will open with Prelude, Andonai Malach, followed at 8:30 p.m. by Pirchay Shir Kodesh, Ben Steinberg's composition, featuring Cantor Jacob Barkin and the 16-voice Temple choir.

● This Friday evening Rabbi and Mrs. W. Gunther Plaut will co-sponsor the Oneg Shabbat in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Jonas Plaut, the Rabbi's mother. The other sponsoring family is Mr. and Mrs. Myer F. Florence who will honor the naming of their baby son.

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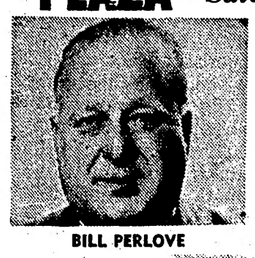

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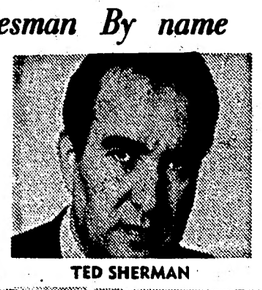

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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

ESHKOL SAYS: WAR IS NOT "IMMINENT"

LONDON (JCNS) — The following exclusive statements in reply to questions put to him by the JCNS were made by Levi Eshkol, the Israeli Premier, in London, England, last week end:

Question: How seriously do you regard Nasser's latest threats?

Answer: We must, of course, always be alert to the possibility of aggression. But I do not think there is any imminent danger of war.

Q.: What importance do you attach to the activities of the so-called Palestinian storm troops and Syria's border provocation?

A.: The pattern of Syrian border aggression is by now well-known and the latest incidents fall within this pattern. The Syrians should know by now that any attempt to encroach on our sovereign rights will be effectively resisted. As for infiltrators, we consider any Arab country from which they come as responsible.

Q.: There are reliable reports of moves towards union between Jordan and Egypt which could result in Egyptian troops being stationed in Jordan. How would Israel react if this scheme were implemented?

A.: We do not have the impression of any imminent Jordan-Egypt unity. Rumours of this kind have been circulating for the past ten years.

Q.: Are you hopeful that the Western Powers will influence the Arabs not to pursue their scheme to divert the waters of the River Jordan?

A.: We certainly hope that world opinion will in some way influence the Arabs to desist from diversions.

Q.: What view do you take of President Bourguiba's recent speech in Jordan?

A.: I read it with interest.

Q.: Do you see any new signs of Arab readiness to reach an understanding with Israel?

A.: Unfortunately, not at this stage.

Q.: When is the likely date of the Knesset elections?

A.: The elections are scheduled to take place at the end of the four-year term of the Knesset in November. But there is some talk among the parties of advancing them by a few months. The reason is that some feel it might not be healthy to have the country engaged in Histadrut elections in May and then election atmosphere for the Knesset to continue for six months.

Q.: In view of the big minority vote at the Mapai Conference against alignment, do you feel that there is a serious danger of a Mapai split before the elections?

A. Certainly not.

Q.: In which fields can Anglo-Israeli relations best be strengthened?

A.: I would be able to say more about this after my visit.

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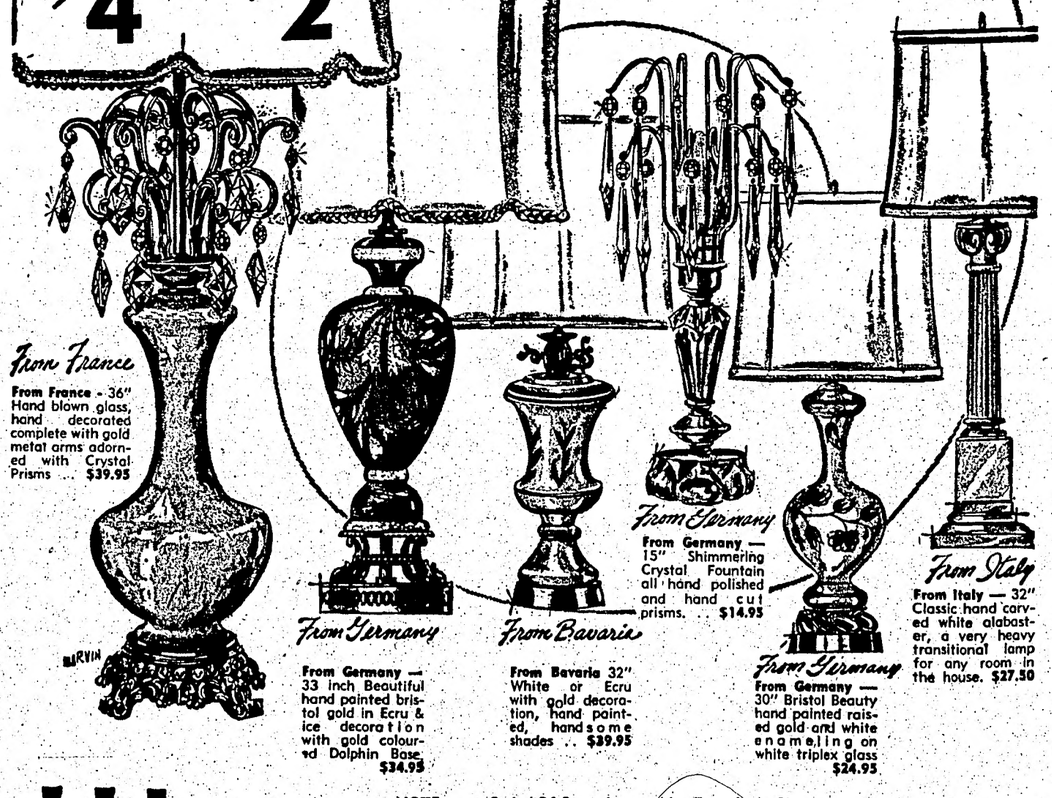

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Vienna Synagogue Desecrated

VIENNA (JCNS) — Unknown hooligans broke into the Orthodox synagogue in the Weihburggasse here last week-end, breaking open cupboards and boxes and scattering all their contents on the floor. They then opened the Ark and removed the Sifrei Torah.

The police are investigating.

GRADUATES FROM JUNIOR HIGH

Sydney Burstein was among the graduates of the Junior Day High School students of Toronto's Associated Hebrew Schools. Graduation took place last Sunday evening in the auditorium of Associated.

CANADIAN STUDENT IN WORLD BIBLE CONTEST

Samuel Kirschner, 16-year-old Canadian student at Yeshiva University High School for Boys, Manhattan, New York, has been selected by the World Bible Society to represent North America in the 1965 World Bible Contest which will be held in Jerusalem on May 6th, Israel's Independence Day.

Kirschner, son of Mr. Israel Kirschner, executive director of Mizrachi in western Canada, and Mrs. Kirschner, residing in Winnipeg, is a senior at the secondary school. He was selected for his knowledge of the bible as evidenced in New York competitions and in the national bible contest during the past four years.

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OUR BETH JACOB SCHOOL

The gala dinner of Toronto's Beth Jacob High School last week has proven an unusual success from both the financial and moral point of view. More than $90,000.00 was raised toward the new building without any of the usual expenses involved.

A small group of dedicated, self- effacing members of our community has demonstrated how to build institutions necessary for the community without fanfare.

The reward for those supporting Beth Jacob in this drive will be the satisfaction of beholding presently a beautiful, modern structure of the Beth Jacob Girls' High School.

PROGRESS OF YESHIVA

HAMILTON'S HEBREW ACADEMY

One of the fastest growing Jewish day schools in our province, Hamilton's Hebrew Academy Zichron Meir (named for the unforgettable Meyer Hoffman), will tender its annual dinner this coming Sunday at the Adas Israel Synagogue. On this occasion, its honorary president, Samuel Katz, will be honored by the Jewish community of Hamilton for his indefatigable work on behalf of traditional Judaism and the dissemination of Torah.

Very often one tends to forget those in the Jewish community who have labored on behalf of integral Jewish education and the concept of Jewish day school at a time when this battle was a midstream effort. Thus it is good to see that now when our Jewish day schools in the smaller communities such as Hamilton are developing and growing we honor those pioneers who have helped build them and reestablish the primacy of Torah in Jewish life.

PIONEER HONORED

OTTAWA'S ALEX BETCHERMAN

Next week Ottawa's Jewish community will honor one of its pioneers and outstanding leaders, Alex Betcherman, who has been selected by the Jewish National Fund Council as honoree of this year's Negev Dinner. The JNF Council should be congratulated for its choice.

Very few among those active in Canadian Jewish life have done so much yet have received so little honor for achievement as Ottawa's Alex Betcherman. Whether in the area of charity or the struggle for the recognition of Zionist demands prior to the establishment of the Jewish state, whether working for the State of Israel Bonds or, for that matter, the general community — Betcherman's influence and energy have been noticed and have served as an inspiration to the younger men and women in the community.

Alex Betcherman, a past president of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa and a founding co-chairman of the Jewish Community Center, is president of Congregation Beth Shalom, one of the largest, orthodox houses of worship on the continent.

In a statement issued on behalf of Ottawa's Negev Dinner committee by chairman Bertram Loeb, vice-chairman Hyman Bessin, Max Kizell and JNF Council chairman, Myer N. Drazin, the Jewish community has been invited to honor its dean and elder statesman.

As the saying goes, they could not have picked a better man. Betcherman has been a symbol of this model Jewish community for many years.

De Volkskrant, Amsterdam

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WHO'S BOSS?

At a dinner party at which an eminent speaker and his wife were present, his latest speech was discussed. In this last address the theme centered upon the cowardice of some.

"Really," remarked the wife, "when my husband speaks in public, I tremble."

"And when my wife speaks in private," added the eminent speaker, I tremble."

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HINT

Sylvia and Larry were on their first date together. They entered a restaurant and Sylvia smilingly greeted an intellectual-looking young man.

"Who is he?" asked Larry as they were being seated at a table.

"A friend," answered Sylvia.

"Perhaps he will join us," suggested Larry.

"So soon?" blushed Betty. "That young man is a rabbi."

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LEGAL

At the fraternity house, Manny Cohen boasted about his father, an amateur magician. "He can do so many things you'd consider impossible,' said Manny.

Abe Katz interrupted. "Now just a minute. My father did something your father never could do. He married a hundred women."

"A hundred women!" cried Manny. "Impossible!"

"Oh, it's possible, alright," said Abe. "He's a rabbi."

CJN REVIEWS ANTI-HATE BILL BATTLE

PARLIAMENT VS. BIGOTRY

BY B. MORIN, OTTAWA CJN CORRESPONDENT

The Standing Committee on External Affairs has presented a report to Parliament on the subject matter of Bills C-21 and C-43 (Anti-Hate law). Over the signature of the chairman, John Matheson, the report was tabled in the House on March 24th. It reads in part: "Your Committee held six meetings on the subject matter of these Bills and heard the following witnesses: Leonard W. Brockington, Q. C.; Charles E. Hendry, Director, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Toronto; Dr. Daniel G. Hill, Director, Ontario Human Rights Commission; Dr. Karl Stern; two officials of the Department of External Affairs.

"In the course of its deliberations, your Committee has learned that

a) In accordance with their obligations under the United Nations Convention on Genocide, 66 nations have adopted legislation making genocide a criminal offence, and

b) Approximately 22 nations have adopted legislation relating to group libel or incitement to racial hatred.

"Your Committee recommends that it be given an opportunity for further consideration of the advisability of Canada adopting similar legislation; therefore, as the Committee finds that it will not be able to complete its study of the subject matter of these Bills at the current session of this Parliament, it recommends the same subjects be referred to it early in the next session in order that the Committee may continue its study of this very important matter".

Members of the Committee are confident that they will be able to reconvene on orders from Parliament.

Mr. John Matheson, in an exclusive interview with The Canadian Jewish News, expressed satisfaction with the way things have gone.

"Our evidence so far has been of exceptional quality", he said. "Bigotry has been expressed as a cancerous evil whether examined from a moral, sociological or psychiatric point of view. We have not yet heard from any agrieved group, yet the evidence is replete with examples of vicious group libel. Surely we must seriously examine what legislative techniques may be employed without curtailment of liberty to circumscribe and eradicate this evil in Canada".

Mr. Matheson feels that, because Jewish groups have not yet presented their evidence, it should serve to strengthen, in the public's mind, the importance of this problem.

Mr. Milton Klein commented to The Canadian Jewish News: "I am very hopeful that we will obtain legislation that will deal with the problem. I have the conviction that the members of the Committee dealing with this matter are inclined towards legislation rather than not. Of course, we are not in a position at this moment to know what form of legislation the Committee will finally recommend. But if countries like Sweden have group libel legislation on their statute books without interfering with freedom of speech and civil liberties and where the democracy practiced is equal to that of Canada, I cannot see why Canada cannot have similar legislation. I think the events occuring in Selma, Alabama, are due to the unrestricted abuse of freedom of speech, and how many people have to be murdered before the complacent majority moves? It is no use offering rewards if those who threw the bomb in the church (that killed the four little girls) when the one who offers the reward is the one who, by his words, incited people to violence in the first place".

Mr. Klein said he had asked the Secretary of State for External Affairs in the House whether, in view of the decision of the Wells Inquiry ("Report of the Board of Review to the Postmaster General on National States' Rights Party", published February 11th) which has denied the Canadian mails to certain forms of hate literature, he would intervene with the United States authorities to obtain their cooperation to stop any such publications which emanate from the United States. The Secretary of State replied that he would look into the matter. It is hoped that a progress report will be received shortly.

MOSCOW MINUS MR. K.

LONDON (JCNS) - Mr. Khruschev's dismissal from power last October has made no difference to the anti-Israel attitude of the Soviet Union. The latest manifestation of this is a broadcast in Arabic from Moscow, attacking the forthcoming establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and West Germany.

This "alliance" was "aimed at the peace-loving Arab peoples", declared Moscow radio, adding that the sole aim of "the rulers of Israel" was to disturb the peace of the Middle East and to further "aggressive intentions against the Arabs."

The broadcast then dealt with the subject of reparations. Israel had neither moral nor legal grounds for obtaining reparations, the commentator said. They were merely "a device to conceal West Germany's financial backing for the extremist forces in Israel."

ISRAEL'S FOREIGN POLICY

By GEOFFREY D. PAUL, JCNS Foreign Editor

Attempts to depict Israeli foreign policy in terms of black and white—a device favoured by newspapermen and desired by professional observers—are misleading.

A pertinent illustration is provided by the background to the recent round of talks conducted in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv with Mr. Averell Harriman, the special envoy of President Johnson, which are now to be continued in Washington.

After five days of discussion, the American emissary (having apparently asked for and received new authority from Washington) reluctantly conceded that the United States would be willing to consider—not more—Israel's demand that America replace West Germany as the principal supplier of heavy arms to the Jewish State. But, in turn, the United States expected from Israel an undertaking that she would take no punitive action against Arab water-diversion projects.

Obviously, Israel's military planners have considered this possibility. They would be failing in their responsibility if they had not. But what kind of military action would be effective?

It is a fact that, at this stage, the Syrians have undertaken only elementary preparatory work on their scheme for diverting the headwaters of the River Jordan. The Lebanese have done even less. It is possible that both countries — or their Arab allies—will prefer to delay canalisation and subsequent diversion until their defensive capabilities are better organised.

But if the canals and the pumping stations are built and the vital water supplies to Israel's south are cut or, equally serious, further salinated because of the decrease in sweet water sources, what then?

Israel can threaten in the hope that threats in themselves will succeed. This is naïve. Israeli troops can be sent across the border to raze the Arab installations. This is practicable but carries with it the risk of alienating friends. It is also only a temporary solution.

Urged to wait

Or, Israel can launch a major military operation and occupy Arab territory. But this is total war in which the world would brand Israel the aggressor.

The United States would like Israel to wait until her water projects suffer the practical effects of the Arab diversion schemes—and then to take the matter to the United Nations. But Israel's experiences here, both past and recent, have been bitter ones. Apart from Russia's use of the veto, the Western Powers have repeatedly demonstrated their concern not to offend the Arabs with a hostile resolution even when, as in the Syrian attack last year, all the blame was squarely on the Arab side. On water, Israel cannot afford to compromise.

On the larger issue of peace or war, there are even more alternatives for the Israeli policy-makers to explore. Are the increasing number of raids from across the border inspired or supported by the neighbouring Arab Governments?

Some think yes, some think no. If they are, the arguments are strong for hitting back (after all, goes one new argument in Jerusalem, President Johnson has made retaliation respectable by his actions against North Vietnam).

But if, as is possibly the case, the border raids are carried out by independently organised groups of refugee saboteurs, is not retaliation likely to bring Arab Governments over to the side of the saboteurs and reproduce the trigger-happy border situation of 1955-56?

On the other hand, what of the morale of the Israelis themselves? The saboteurs have become increasingly daring. From targets just on the border, they have pushed farther afield, as far as Kfar Hess, an inland kibbutz with no immediate security significance. What if they push on still farther—to Haifa, Tel Aviv, Beersheba? Has not the public a right to be shown that neither the Government nor the defence forces will tolerate these depredations?

Washington, when asked by Israel for defensive arms and equipment, has what is by now a traditional reply: Depend on us—and the Sixth Fleet.

The Sixth Fleet, the massive American force marshalled in the Mediterranean, has been repeatedly floated before Israeli eyes as the main guarantor of survival in the event of an Arab attack. The argument, and the logistics, are impressive. There is no doubt that American jets could be over Israel airspace within an hour. But would they be?

The Talmud does not rate very high as an Israeli foreign policy source book, but its methods of reasoning are dear to the heart of the Israeli diplomatist. The official who put it to me in the following manner was far from joking:

The Egyptians launch an attack on Israel one Thursday afternoon, first with rockets then fighter-bombers. The American Ambassador, who is playing golf in Caesarea, has to get back to his embassy in Tel Aviv to send a message to Washington. The President is in Texas, the Vice-President at a meeting. The message from the ambassador is decoded and rushed to them. The war chiefs have to be consulted and the President must give his O.K. Then—and only then—the Sixth Fleet is given its instructions. The process has taken hours. Isreal is already obliterated."

Sixth Fleet doubts

Another well-tried Israeli diplomatist doubted if the United States Government would ever get round to ordering the Sixth Fleet into action. Based on the argument that the U.S.A. is—in the final analysis—a constitutional government, he was convinced that it would feel itself compelled to go to the United Nations to urge a cease-fire rather than order its forces into action against an Arab country, with all the possible consequences this would entail.

Where Israel and the Americans differ fundamentally is over the deepseated Israeli conviction that President Nasser, given the time and the opportunity, is determined to wipe the Jewish State off the map by force of arms.

Not only do the Americans not accept this (despite the glaring signs), but they continue to insist that their influence in Cairo is still considerable and that Israel should neither say nor do anything which might prevent them from capitalising on this "fact" to promote peaceful relations in the Middle East—and to keep the Russians out.

To the Israelis this is so much balderdash. They cannot see how anyone can believe other than that Nasser is completely in the hands of the Soviet Union. They point to the fact that, apart from a token contribution by France, the whole of Nasser's second five-year plan is financed by the Soviet block; that Egypt's armed forces are completely geared to Soviet weapons and supplies, and that Egypt is the recognised distribution point for the Russian arms which have reached the Congo and other African trouble spots.

Outside the Comintern countries themselves, no nation equals Egypt in the reception and exchange of delegations from Communist countries — cultural, scientific and military. And, despite Nasser's firm control of local Communist Party activity, a personal precaution, influential Communists today hold key positions in official propaganda and other "ideological" institutions.

What all this adds up to—in terms of alternatives for Israeli policy-makers—is a reinforcement of the often-enunciated belief that Israel, in the final analysis, must rely on her own defensive strength, military, technical and psychological.

This view is more strongly held and argued today than at any time in the past 17 years. There is only one other acceptable alternative, or, rather, possibility—that time will wreak some miracle in international relations which will preclude any risk of war between small powers, because the anger of all the great powers, acting in concert, would be terrible to behold.

But this is in the realms of hope. Israel has to deal with reality.

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Anti-Semitic Acts Noted

VIENNA — Czechoslovakia, one of Hitler's first national victims, has recently experienced anti-Semitic acts by its own citizens, according to Czechoslovak newspapers. The offenders were young people born during or since World War II.

The newspaper "Prace" (Labour) reported that 50 tombstones dating from the 13th and 14th centuries had been destroyed before Christmas in the Jewish cemetery in Trebic. Investigation led to the arrest of two young men, both born in 1946.

About the same time, the official Prague Communist daily Rude Pravo mentioned briefly that a group of boys aged 13 to 15, and led by a 17-year-old youth, had broken into the synagogue in Pilsen.

In the literary revue "Kulturni Tvorba" of last Dec. 12 appeared a more descriptive account of juvenile anti-Semitism under the title, "The Limits of a Game."

The writer, Jeri Bily, said that in one school boys saluted each other, "Heil Hitler!" He said they cursed Jews and sang "Today Germany Is Ours—Tomorrow the World!"

SERMON FOR THE WEEK

SPRINGTIME MESSAGE

On this first Sabbath of Nisan our thoughts should naturally turn to the events which make this month noteworthy. It is the first month of spring; we become aware that nature utters its song of thanksgiving for the new awakening after the long, hard winter. It is the season of the year which has inspired poets to give expression to words of praise for the beauties of nature. The appearance of new buds gives hope for the days to come. The first spring flowers dispel the gloom which has descended like a pall over the earth.

As for us Jews, the month offers reason for deep spiritual satisfaction. In the words of a comentator on the Prayer Book: "Let man be exceedingly glad from the very first day of the month, for the days are coming when it pleased God to redeem us and to hallow us with his commandments. The days are approaching when we shall do his will with joyful spirit by performing so many of his precepts. For so much happened to us during this month.

"According to one sage the world was created during Nisan; the patriarchs were born in this month. In Nisan Moses received his first revelation in the Burning Bush. In Nisan we were redeemed and in this month shall we be redeemed in time to come. It is the first of the calendar months and its first day is the New Year for kings. The sanctuary was erected in Nisan, and because of so many happy events we are exempted during this month from reciting penitential prayers".

We shall recite the Hallel Psalm on this first day of the month.

These probably contain all that we wish to say and the summation may be found in one sentence: "Thou has saved my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I shall walk before the Lord in the land of the living". The sense of personal redemption is a reflection of the experience of a whole people, as much as it mirrors the resurrection which takes place in the world of nature. Winter and death seem synonymous, spring and revival are more than coincidental. To recall past suffering and to realise that a new hope is born gives cause for spiritual regeneration.

With our self-projection into the future should come a sense of new determination. The Psalmist spoke in terms of an avowed pattern of life to be adopted. He wished to display his gratitude by a renewed sensitivity to the demands of a godly life. To "walk before the Lord in the land of the living". It meant for him a recognition that life was re-born just as the land itself now came to life. It was not just nature worship but the adoption of a code of behaviour which would wield an influence on the lives of men.

Gratitude for life demands a profound recognition of the requirements of mankind, the creation of a pattern for society. In the month in which one's thoughts turn to the theme of redemption one cannot be so self-centred as to evaluate one's own needs; one must re-assess the wants of humanity. The darkness in which man has lived must be dispelled and new hope must be given to all mankind so that they too shall have cause for gratitude. In the "land of the living" all men should have their place in the sun.

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THE PROVOK'D WIFE PROVOCATIVE

by BARBARA I. PEARL

For a stimulating, provocative evening, Sir John Vanbrugh's The Provok'd Wife provides a motive.

ENGAGING TROUBLEMAKERS — Moya Fenwick (seated) and Deborah Turnbull in Sir John Vanbrugh's robust comedy, The Provok'd Wife, now playing at Toronto's Crest Theater.

Written in the seventeenth century, it's age-old theme is as young as summer.

To the blase, thoughts of infidelity, repartee, dialogue risque are just so much familiar trumpery. This is an age when one has the answer, even before the question. Consequentiy what could be surprising?

Surprising, and refreshing, is the presentation of this Restoration comedy, briskly directed by Joseph Shaw. Perhaps it is because of the infrequency of such a production that one's attention is sparked. Whatever the reason, however, the words are like music. And from the very moment the overture sets the mood with, "Drink to me only with thine eyes," one is overcome with anticipation.

The theme is basic. We find Sir John Brute bemoaning his marital state. Oh, for the joys of a slut or two! And try as she does, lovely Lady Brute in all her wifely solicitude cannot please him.

Is it any wonder, then, that she entertains the thought of meandering? Especially when Constant, trusted family friend, impatiently awaits, enticed.

But the fun really begins when complications arise.

Lady Fancyfull considers herself a rival. With the help of Mademoiselle, she stoops to anything in her attempt to foil the romance —which remains all words, nothing more.

As a runner-up, the haughty Lady and her maid almost wreck the intended marriage of Bellinda, Lady Brute's constant companion, to Heartfree. She is supposed to have a child and is bearing another; he is said to have a wife.

After almost three hours of entwined plot and counter-plot, it all unwinds and everyone lives happily ever after.

Nonnie Griffin portrays a real Lady — charming, lovely, bland. Moya Fenwick, however, compensates by providing Lady Fancyfull with more bounce to the ounce. If anyone is provocative, it is she—also frustrating. For she should easily have been able to conquer Constant. And perhaps she might have, had he been a bit more un-constant.

Gerard Parkes depicts at times some husbandly ribaldry. Still, 'tis but a flash; all too soon he settles back into respectability.

Mary Barton's Bellinda and Gary Files' Heartfree satisfy the wish for the conventional, happy ending.

Unifying the whole are the settings and costumes by Hutchinson Scott. His manner of design, his use of colors running rampant on a background of black, add up to a concept of Ye Olde England.

CUTTING CAPERS — Tommy Steele (center), going through some paces with the chorus in Half A Sixpence, musical now playing at Toronto's O'Keefe Center till Saturday, April 17th.

theatre hi-lites

ENGLISH MUSICAL HIT AT O'KEEFE

The hit English musical, Half A Sixpence, which recently completed an 18-month run in Boston, is being presented now at O'Keefe Center. Starring Tommy Steele, the production will be seen here till Saturday, April 17 th.

Half A Sixpence is set in an English seaside resort of Folkstone at the turn of the century. It is about a young man who likes the simple things in life. Word Baker, who directed the long running The Fantasticks, directs the play.

KAFKA'S THE TRIAL ALWAYS TIMELY

The Trial by Franz Kafka is one of the most intense dramas on the Toronto scene. Though written during a certain period of time, it depicts man's confusion by injustice which is apropos today and everyday.

Featuring Paul Soles, other stars are Les Hayter, Montgomery Davis, Tilly Stevens, Patrick Sinclair, Peter Sinclair, Peter Sturgess, Clair Marshall-Hewitt, Rita Merkelis, John Grima, Stella Finlayson, Louis Negin, Jim Thompson, Garnet Truax, Sean Hewitt.

RESTORATION COMEDY WISE CHOICE AT CREST

The Crest Theater is holding its own by its wise selection of hits for the season.

The Provok'd Wife, written by Sir John Vanbrugh around 1700, candidly revolves around the boudoir, with dialogue as charmingly presented as possible. Starring Gerard Parkes and Margaret Griffin, other performers include Moya Fenwick, Mary Barton, Paul Craig, Gary Files and Debby Turnbull. —

THE LIVELY ARTS

by D. COHN

● Sandy Dennis, who had lead roles on Broadway in A Thousand Clowns and Any Wednesday, will make her motion-picture debut in the Ernest Lehman production of Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, Edward Albee's play now being performed at Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theater. Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton will head the cast, directed by Mike Nichols. —

● Pianist Rosina Lhevinne who, with her late husband Josef, made piano duet history, celebrated last week her 85th birthday. She was born in Kiev, is now a United States citizen.

● Yisrael Eliraz, young Israeli novelist and playwright, has been awarded a fellowship by the Public Council on Culture and Arts for his play, Hadov (The Bear). The play deals with Absalom's rebellion against David.

Eliraz, now in France studying stagecraft on a grant from the French government, won two years ago second prize of the Israel Association of Authors, Composers and Musicians for his novel, Mrs. Rabin's Cat.

● This coming Passover, the sport of horseracing will be revived in Caesarea, nearly 2,000 years since the Roman procurators held their chariot races there.

Horses and riders from all parts of Israel will take part. Prior to the races, a horse show will be staged in the grounds of the Caesarea Hotel.

● How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying, which finished a second run successfully at Toronto's O'Keefe Center last week, has proved a spectacular business failure in Israel and closed last month. The musical, with a cast of 74 and a 30-piece orchestra, reportedly lost its backers $2,000 for every night of its run. It was also a flop in England and South Africa. Apparently, How To Succeed . . ., a satire on American corporation in fighting techniques, has proved itself not exportable from the American scene.

● Barefoot In The Park has been well received by Israeli audiences and will continue its run.

● A Hebrew-language production of Fiddler On The Roof, musical comedy based on Sholem Aleichem's Tevya the Milkman stories, started rehearsal in Israel this week. Choreographer Jerome Robbins, who was largely responsible for the spectacular success of the Broadway show, will be in Israel to work on the production.

● Pianist Rudolf Serkin, the New York City Ballet and the James Baldwin all-Negro Theater will take part in the 1965 Israel Festival of Music and Drama scheduled for July 28th to August 28th. Ballet will play a principal role in the Festival. Directed by George Balanchine, there will be a corps of over 110 members for eight performances. Representing local dance will be the Barsheva Dance Company which has Martha Graham as its artistic advisor.

Rudolf Serkin will participate as soloist and artistic director of the Marlboro Festival Orchestra, which is composed of 40 soloists. His son Peter, 18, who made a recent London debut as pianist, will be in Israel too but will not play duets with his father.

Mr. Serkin says: "My son refuses to play with me. He says I'm too weak."

In the drama division, an all-Negro cast of the James Baldwin Theater will present Baldwin's The Amen Corner. Based on the religious life of American Negroes, the play contains dancing, and jazz and gospel music.

The Negro author and playwright paid a private visit to Israel about three years ago on his way to Ghana.

● Writer Jean-Paul Sartre, 60, became the father by adoption of 28-year-old Arlette Kaim who is bearing his child. Miss Kaim, now legally Miss Arlette Sartre, is an Algerian Jewess.

Meanwhile the author-philosopher continues his friendlly relationship with writer Simone de Beauvoir.

Apparently he'll be his child's grandfather.

● Habimah will perform The Dybbuk in London from April 25th through May 1st.

B'nai Brith Youth Sponsors Jewish Concert

Toronto's B'nai B'rith Youth Organization will sponsor its fourth annual Jewish music concert this Sunday, April 4th, 8:00 p.m., at Associated Hebrew School. Featured will be Jacob Groob and the Toronto Chamber Orchestra. Other performers are Allan Blye and Macey Cadesky.

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WILL RETURN — When Virginia Graham was in Toronto last week, she agreed to return and act as commentator for the B'nai B'rith Carnival Fashion Show, to be held on May 19th, in the Automotive Building, Exhibition Park. Shown above, checking the Show Program left to right are: Sydney Sugarman, publicity chairman, Miss Graham, and Stanley Maidenberg, Carnival chairman. The B'nai B'rith Spring Bazaar and Carnival is sponsored by all units in Toronto.

KOSHER SUPERMARKETS FOR ENGLAND

LONDON (JCNS) — The establishment of kosher supermarkets has been suggested by Councillor Samuel Davies, vice-president of England's National Council of Shechita Boards.

The memorandum, to be considered at the proposed forthcoming Kashrut Week conference, states that such a move would "ensure the wider distribution of kosher meat, poultry and other kosher products properly supervised, at fair prices, to the Jewish public from attractive establishments."

These establishments, it is suggested, would be able to keep abreast with the latest selling methods and standards of buildings comparing favourably with other outlets.

To this end, Councillor Davies has proposed that a new company be formed. As a beginning, all approved and suitable established butchers, poultry dealers and grocers would be invited to join in a new scheme.

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Some dealers would have premises capable of being converted into large or small Kosher supermarkets either by themselves or by the addition of adjoining property. They would sell meat, poultry, grocery and any other specialised kosher goods approved and supervised by the ecclesiastical authorities.

In addition, some of the stores might be combined with a snack bar or restaurant.

"Obviously," it is stated in the memorandum, "an expert would be required to work out financial details, but it is suggested that those entering into the scheme would be given a shareholding for their assets and an arrangement made with the principal for sharing profits should he remain to manage the business."

Compensation might be paid to small businesses which would close and be absorbed by near-by stores, and personnel would be considered for positions in the new company.

Supervision at the stores would be by local kashrut boards, which would advise on the goods permitted to be sold.

Councillor Davies also proposes that shops be established in the smaller Jewish centres.

There would be control of prices, thus enabling those in the smaller income groups to buy meat and poultry "at proper prices." The control and supervision of goods sold as "kosher" would be tightened up.

NEW PRESIDENT — Mr. Harry Salutin, prominent Toronto business executive, was elected president of Toronto Lodge B'nai B'rith No. 836, at the annual meeting. He will be installed into office at a dinner and dance to be held on Saturday, April 10th, at the Oakdale Golf & Country Club. The immediate past president of Toronto Lodge is Mr. George Biro.

PARAGUAY COMMUNITY OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

From a Specal Correspondent

Paraguay is one of South America's two land-locked republics, the other being her neighbour, Bolivia. She is also one of the poorest and most sparsely populated having fewer than 1,800,000 inhabitants for her total area of some 157,000 square miles.

The Jewish community is comparatively young, its beginnings dating from the arrival of about ten immigrants in 1914. They settled in the capital, Asuncion, and the official community organisation was founded in 1924.

Today, there are 220 Jewish families in Paraguay, totalling about 1,000 people, all of them, with the exception of eight families, in Asuncion. Only 10 per cent are Sephardim; of the 90 per cent who are Ashkenazim, two-thirds are from Eastern Europe, and the remaining 30 per cent are of German origin.

ALWAYS ON THE MOVE

There has been continuous migration to the capital from other parts of the country, and from there to countries near by, mainly Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay. One or two families a year also emigrate to Israel.

The last sefer Torah in Villarrica, about 80 miles from Asuncion, in the Province of Guaira, was brought to the capital last Rosh Hashana, since only four Jewish families remain in Villarrica.

At times, in the early 1930s when Hitler came to power, and during the first two years of the war, Paraguay's Jewish population numbered many thousands, but most of them were only passing through the country.

When Argentina, Brazil and other Latin American countries closed their doors to refugees, Paraguayan consular officials in various countries were ready to provide visas—but at a price.

Many refugees paid $1,000 (about £350) for their visas, and some paid much more.

Once in Paraguay, some of them had to wait only 24 hours before being able to get themselves smuggled across the frontiers to Argentina, Brazil or Uruguay. Others, less fortunate, were unable to get away for months, or even years. From 1933 to 1941 at least 12,000 Jews entered Paraguay and then left for other countries.

Under the regime of President Alfredo Stroessner, there is no outward sign of antisemitism, and Jews enjoy the same rights as other Paraguayan citizens. But there are about 10,000 citizens of German origin in Paraguay, mainly farmers or wine growers, most of whom have more than a passing attachment to Nazism.

Among the 5,000 or so Arabs in Paraguay, there is a very marked tendency to assimilation, and conversions to Roman Catholicism are numerous. So far, the Arab League has failed to enlist them in anti-Jewish or anti-Israel activity, and relations between Jews and Arabs are amicable, especially in commerce and industry.

A Jewish school, the State of Israel School, was founded in 1958, providing lessons in Hebrew, Jewish history and religion, together with the State curriculum. It has about 100 pupils, 25 of whom are non-Jews, although they study the same subjects.

Paraguay's Government has a tradition of friendliness towards Israel, having voted for the United Nations' Palestine partition resolution in November, 1947. The Paraguayan Ambassador in Rome is also accredited to Israel, while the Israeli Ambassador to Uruguay is accredited to Paraguay.

Blumel Reelected

PARIS (JCNS) — Maitre André BLUMEL, who was Cabinet secretary to M. Léon Blum, the former French Prime Minister and leader of the Socialist Party, in M. Blum's Popular Front Government in 1936-1938, has been elected a member of the Paris municipality.

Maitre Blumel, a former president of the French Zionist Federation and president of the France-U.S.S.R. Friendship Association, told the JCNS correspondent that, despite the rarity of political debates in the Municipal Council, he would always endeavour to keep his pro-Israeli sympathies and his interest in Jewish problems in mind whenever they were raised during the Council's sessions.

Other successful Jewish candidates in the elections include M. Maurice Weill, who was elected despite his exclusion from the Socialist Party list because he agreed to join a Centre list; Maitre Charles Lederman and Maitre David Weill, both elected in the first electoral area, which includes the Rue des Rosiers (the Jewish quarter); Mlle Madeleine Marzin and Mme Christiane Schwartzbard.

Among those who suffered defeat is Maitre Weil-Curiel, an outgoing member of the Council.

YOU CAN'T FIGHT CITY HALL OR CAN YOU?

AN OPEN LETTER TO HIS WORSHIP MAYOR PHILIP GIVENS AND THE CITY FATHERS

TORONTO CITY COUNCIL 1965

A continuing series of incidents over the past six years has now culminated in the recommendation by the Board of Control for the expropriation of the property of Stark Iron & Metal Co. Ltd., 116 Maria Street, Toronto, Ontario.

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Until we were telephoned by a newspaper reporter last week, we were unaware of the action taken by the Board of Control, which came as a stunning surprise.

We, therefore, feel that in our mutual interests, we should place on the record some of the facts:

1. An alderman representing Ward 7 was quoted in the Globe and Mail as saying, "the last straw for the Maria Street residents was the installation of a heavy press, which noisily crushes cars all day, six days a week."

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2. The alderman also stated in the Globe and Mail that when residents complained to her, we have retaliated by parking trucks loaded with scrap in front of their homes.

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5. The alderman stated that our business was thriving to such an extent that operations have been moved right out onto the street.

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6. The alderman further stated, "Whenever I talk to the owner he is all charm and speaks in honeyed tones. But he is not that way to the neighbours."

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EHRENBURG CLAIMS HE'S "INNOCENT"

By Our JCNFS Correspondent

Moscow

Ilya Ehrenburg, the Russian writer, has claimed that only personal appeal to Stalin saved him from persecution and certain arrest in 1949 during the purge against so-called "rootless cosmopolitans."

Many of Ehrenburg's friends, mostly Jewish intellectuals, were arrested, shot and murdered during the Stalin-Beria campaign against writers on charges of "kow-towing to the West," Ehrenburg said.

Describing the atmosphere of the period in a new instalment of his memoirs in the latest issue of the arts magazine "Novy Mir" ("New Words"), Ehrenburg said: "From the beginning of February 1949, they stopped publishing me. The literary critics erased my name from their articles. I expected a knock at the door every night. My telephone was silent and only my closest friends inquired about my health.

"Sometimes they would call from a public telephone, apparently to learn whether I had not been arrested and when I answered the telephone they hung up."

Ehrenburg confirmed rumours that Solomon Mikhoels, the famous director of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee, was murdered in a Minsk street in 1948 by "Beria's agents".

Lavrenti Beria was then chief of the secret police and was executed after Stalin's death on charges that he had plotted to overthrow the Government and establish a personal dictatorship.

LETTER TO KREMLIN

During the purges of 1948 Beria dissolved all Jewish cultural institutes and executed a group of the most prominent Yiddish writers, all of whom have been posthumously rehabilitated since Stalin's death.

Describing his personal travails during the Beria era, Ehrenburg said: "I wanted to live, and like many others, I had a suitcase packed with two changes of linen . . . We used to go to bed in the early morning then. The thought that they would come to wake us up in the middle of night was distressing."

While fatalistically waiting to be arrested, Ehrenburg was told that a senior Russian official had said at a public meeting: "I have good news for you—cosmopolitan Number One, the enemy of the people, Ehrenburg, has been exposed and arrested."

That was when Ehrenburg decided to write to Stalin and told him: "For two months I have not been permitted to write for the press and yesterday someone said that I have been arrested.

"I have not been arrested yet and I want to clear up my position to end all this uncertainty."

MALENKOV APPROACH

The next day, Ehrenburg said, Georgi Malenkov, Stalin's right-hand man, telephoned him on Stalin's behalf and, pretending surprise that Ehrenburg was in danger, promised to help him.

"Immediately, my telephone began ringing again and various editorial offices, claiming that there had been a misunderstanding, offered me work."

In reporting his bitter experience, Ehrenburg appeared to be particularly anxious to answer some of his critics abroad who had explained his survival during the purges on the grounds that he had helped the authorities in their persecution of Jewish writers.

On an earlier occasion, when asked how he happened to be one of the few survivors of the period, he had said: "Life is like a lottery. I just happened to have drawn the right number."

Discussing his position as a Russian writer of Jewish origin, Ehrenburg said: "I shall always say I am a Jew as long as there is one antisemite on earth. No nationalism dictates these words but my understanding of human dignity."

A Father's Role

DR. ROSE N. FRANZBLAU

QUESTION: My son, 7, and his father have an unusually strong affection for each other, almost to the exclusion of me.

My husband has just returned to work after a heart attack, and I dare not do or say anything contrary to his wishes, for fear of causing an emotional upset which might make him sick again. But I can feel myself building up resentment against my husband and child.

I don't want to hate my own son. But, since his father returned from the hospital, he has become extremely whiny, refusing to do anything for himself, and will go to sleep only if his father stays with him.

From the time this child was born, my husband (when he came home from work) would take the baby from me and take over. Our second son got none of this. My husband is only now beginning to pay attention to our 4-year-old.

The situation is becoming unbearable, and also dangerous, because of my husband's heart condition.

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ANSWER: A father's need to take over the care of his child whenever he is at home can come from the feeling that he is being excluded or that the child needs his special protection. The husband is sometimes made to feel that he and the child are being played off against each other for the mother's attention. Or the husband may feel, and not always incorrectly, that the hostility felt for him will be taken out on the helpless child who cannot fight back.

When your husband was well, you may have felt freer to express your feelings. But now you are required to control yourself. With two young children to care for on top of all this, you naturally feel as though the burden of the whole world were resting on your shoulders. Perhaps in some way, and at times, you see in your husband's illness a punishment of you. To cover up the anger you still feel and also out of your love for him, you become over-protective and hovering. Such a reversal could make a person more anxious about himself, when then expresses itself in undue anger and self-assertion. When he fights and wins, he feels healthy and strong.

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The absence of the parent during hospitalization adds validity to this fear. When the parent returns home, the child will cling to the parent and hold on to him even more than usual. It is not only to make up for the time that the parent was away, but also, by holding onto him, to insure that he will not go away again — this time perhaps for good.

It might be of great help to you to permit the boy's father to take over the loving task of disciplining. This would be good for your husband, because it would eliminate the disagreement he must first have with you before he can take over as the man of the house.

Your son's whining, dependent behavior only say how frightened he is and how much reassurance he needs from both his parents. He must gain confidence that his father will be there to protect him and his mother to love him, even when he misbehaves. With your husband established and operating as the authority, you too will feel reassured. This can only serve to make your son behave in a more manly and increasingly independent fashion.

SLEEP IN—WHO, ME?

BY RUTHIE

Did you ever pray for something so much that it actually haunts you? That's what's happening to me now. And I'm not pining for a certain gown, a special fur, a bigger diamond. Nothing moneywise (at least, not right this minute). Just plain, simple, ordinary sleep.

I can kick myself because I didn't appreciate it when I was a baby. Because, if I should believe Mama, she'd easily have gotten the prize for singing the most lullabies, shaking the crib till it all but fell apart, walking her feet off with me wailing in the carriage. I just wouldn't shut an eye if she stood on her head. And I grew up that way—never going to bed on time, always thinking I'd miss something.

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This is one of the times Mama's pet words ring in my ears,

"You'll feel sorry!"

And even now my eyes keep drooping, my mind wanders. Dishes are piled in the sink waiting to be washed. Since it's Sunday morning, each kid traipses into the kitchen on his own time. Ned's shaving, waiting for the aroma of freshly brewed coffee (he can wait; when I think of washing out the pot for the oompteenth time — ugh!). But I'm sitting, head drooping, while I try to collect my thoughts.

The only thing that looms big in my mind is my nice, warm bed.

"So," I'm thinking, "am I man (woman) or mouse? One, two, three—up! After a hundred-and-twenty years I'll get all the sleep I crave. Only, *nebbekh* (pity), I won't appreciate it then because I won't know it."

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You know, you'd think I don't get the chance to go to sleep. Don't let me give you the wrong impression. Opportunity comes often enough. Trouble is, when I'm sleepy, it's just never the right time; when it's the right time to sleep, I just can't.

Nu, vee ahzoi koomt die kahtz ibber'n vahsser (so how does the cat cross the water)?

Here's a for instance. I was looking forward to Friday night like a blind person an eye. Thank God, the *Shabbos* meal was over; everybody sang *shabat zmiroth* (every now and then, with my head nodding, I chimed in to give the impression I was alert); then I cleared the table; I made the beds for everyone else.

Finally I prepared myself. Ah, Morpheus! I even did a bold thing: I drank a whole tumblerful of sweet wine, knowing it would paralyze me almost immediately. (I'm from the *emmesser*—real—drinkers.)

I figured, if I could sleep through till at least eight, it was worth it. Usually I get up at six. The two-hour extension would be a holiday and I'd still be able to get the family off to *shool* on time.

I didn't even bother with the curlers. I undressed as quickly as possible and made a beeline for the bed.

No sooner did I snuggle under the covers and do a last minute, luxurious stretch, then — one side of the mattress broke down.

I felt so groggy by that time, I just crawled to the top part. Only whenever I became comfortable, I began to slide downhill.

Rats! I dragged my blanket and crept into bed with one of the children.

Just as I settled down—oh, no! The cramp, *nisht fahr dir gedakht* (not wishing it on you), caught my right foot.

Oi, yoi, yoi, yoi! I couldn't get up fast enough. I somehow hobbled to the bathroom. (Mama always said, in such a circumstance, to stand on a cold tile.) But, no matter what I did, I could only wait till the knots unknotted themselves. By then I felt so limp.

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Next day, *Shabbos*, you think I could rest? First of all, I have to look decent. Because Ned always brings someone home for *kiddush* — and I really welcome that; it makes the Sabbath atmosphere perfect.

But later, when he naps, I read the papers. If I don't and he gets them first, then it's goodbye; they never come back in one piece, page by page.

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It's Sunday now. And there are a million things to do.

However, I still have an ace up my sleeve. A wonderful late show is on television tonight, something I'm anticipating.

I'm positive I'll sleep through it all.

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TORONTO WOMEN

CONVENES ART SHOW

Mrs. David Shaul is convenor of the 13th annual art show and auction of Aviva Chapter, Toronto Hadassah, which will be held tomorrow evening, Saturday, April 3rd, at the King Edward Hotel.

HELD MEETING

Minnie Etlin Chapter, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, held a meeting recently at the home of Mrs. P. Goldenberg. Mrs. J. Ross, president, presided.

Mrs. K. Devor reported on the forthcoming theatre night in the absence of Mrs. M. Kurtz, convenor. Money was collected for Passover baskets for Israel.

Mesdames I. Edell, M. Gasner and R. Lerenson assisted the hostess in serving refreshments.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6th, at the home of Mrs. P. Tarnow. Mrs. M. Swartz will be co-hostess.

EXECUTIVE MEET

An executive meeting of Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood was held on Monday, March 22nd, at the home of Mrs. Harold Kochberg. Mrs. Harry Magder presided.

Discussion centered on the tea held last Wednesday at the synagogue. Mrs. Jack Handler was convenor.

A general meeting was held last Tuesday, March 30th. Rabbi Rosensweig spoke on: Double Revolution in Jewish Life.

At a Sisterhood Shabbat last Saturday, the following were hostesses: Goldie Aiken; Mary Cohen; Belle Mernick; Millie Sheff; Mary Raskin; Goldie Wolfe.

MEETING

Bruria Chapter, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, held a meeting recently at the home of Mrs. M. Orzech. Mrs. J. Applebaum, president, reported on the Council meeting project concerning Bnai Brak in Israel.

Mrs. I. Kelner is convenor of the year's ad book.

A Purim luncheon was held on Monday, March 22nd, arranged by Mesdame S. Feldman and C. Weinberg. Mrs. I. Hornfeldt distributed gifts to all present. Mrs. Weinberg read the Megilah. Mr. and Mrs. I. Greenwald were welcomed back from their vacation.

Mesdames I. Kelner and H. Applebaum bade bon voyage on behalf of the organization to Mr. and Mrs. S. Orfus who will spend Passover in Israel.

DONOR DINNER

Adath Israel Sisterhood will have its annual donor dinner on Tuesday evening, April 6th, at the synagogue. Mrs. Henry Rosenberg, president, and Mrs. Norman Trachter, chairman of the donor committee, will receive the guests.

Donor committee consists of: Mrs. Harry Gordon, secretary; Mrs. Sidney Gladstone, treasurer; Mrs. Robert Kay, year book Chairman; Mrs. Joseph Grossman, registrar; Mrs. Sidney Silverman, financial secretary; Mrs. Jack Wayne, telephone convenor; Mesdames David Blackman and Ronald Carbell, vice chairmen; Mrs. Harry Levine, "our children"; Mrs. Harry Steinberg, vice chairman, "our children"; Mesdames Carl Horowitz; Murray Marcus; Mitchell Nichols; Ben Orvitz; Seymour Roebuck; David Seltzer; Ronald Bryce; Morris Steinberg; Sam Sugarman.

Other committees are headed by: Mrs. Samuel Taft, project; Mrs. Samuel Warren, awards; Mrs. Ben Abbott, program; Mrs. Ronald Bryce, publicity; Miss Gertrude Wainberg, publications; Mesdames Harry Jonas and Sam Shain, contact; Mesdames Sidney Kael and Jack Chapman, arrangements; Mesdames Erwin Frohman and Nathan Feiman, reservations; Mesdames Alex Tobias, Arnold Naiman, Abraham Collis, visual aid; Mrs. Max Scher, light bulb; Mrs. Philip Ely, donor; Mesdames Mack Gordon, Joseph Bass, Irving Kash, hose depots; Mrs. Sam Solomon, pews; Mrs. Harry Solomon, vice president, donor committee; Mesdames Joseph Bass, Bernard Kaplan, David Silverman, advisors.

Awards will be presented, as well as a musical production written and directed by Mrs. Ben Abbott.

NAZIS FORCED HIM TO KILL HIS OWN SISTER

BONN (JCNS) — "What happened during the war was so horrible that I cannot, and will not, ask for leniency," Alfred Rapp, 56, a former S.S. officer, said at his trial in Essen last week.

Rapp is accused of leading an S.S. extermination group which murdered thousands of civilians, mostly Jews, in Russia.

The prosecution had asked for a life sentence for Rapp who said he was confident that the court would give a just verdict.

Rapp insisted that he had strongly opposed Nazi orders for the execution of all "potential enemies", but it was useless. Since he was bound by his oath to Hitler he felt compelled, eventually, to carry out the execution orders.

Joseph Wasser, a 37-year-old witness from the United States, collapsed after telling the Treblinka court in Dusseldorf on Monday that the Nazis forced him to throw his infant sister into a burning trench at the Polish concentration camp. "I was only 13 then and they had me on a work detail by the ovens," Wasser said, pausing often. "They made me throw two girls into a trench, where bodies were burning... Then — dear God! — my little eight-month-old sister", he sobbed softly.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

PINEAPPLE OATMEAL COOKIES

1 cup once-sifted all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup vegetable shortening
1 cup granulated sugar
1 egg
1 cup crushed pineapple, drained
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon almond extract
1 cup quick-cooking rolled

Sift flour, baking powder and salt. Cream vegetable shortening and sugar. Add egg, pineapple, vanilla and almond extract. Mix well and blend in rolled oats.

Drop by teaspoonfuls on greased cookie sheet. Bake in preheated moderate oven (350 degrees) for 8-10 minutes. Yield: about 3½ dozen.

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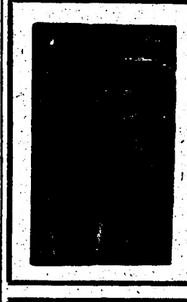
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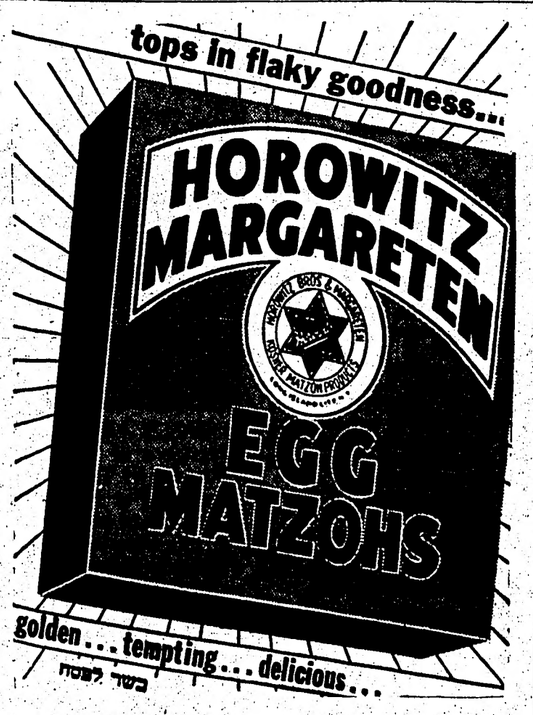

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A GUIDE TO THE PERPLEXED

Religious Dialogues

By MENACHEM M. SCHNEERSON

Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, author of this essay is the intellectual leader of the present day Hasidic movement.

Following are excerpts from a letter by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, in answer to a query by the head of a group of Jewish spiritual leaders on the subject of "interfaith dialogue".

. . . In reply to your question as to what should be the Jewish attitude towards the matter of "religious dialogue" which has been advocated in certain Jewish and non-Jewish circles:

● It surprises me that you should have any doubt in this matter. For, anyone with some knowledge of Jewish history knows with what reluctance Jews viewed *religious* debates with non-Jews. There were many good reasons for this attitude, in addition to the basic reason that Jews do not consider it their mission to convert gentiles to their faith, nor do they wish to expose themselves to the missionary zeal of other faiths.

● Each and every generation has its own characteristics which have a bearing on contemporary problems. One of the peculiarities of our own day and age—a circumstance which makes such "dialogue" even more reprehensible — is the confusion and perplexity which are so widespread now, especially among the younger generation. Symptomatic of this confusion is the lowering, or even toppling, of the once well-defined boundaries in various areas of the daily life.. This process, which began with the lowering, or abolishing altogether, of the *Mechitzah* in the synagogue, has extended itself also to the abolishing of boundaries in the areas of ethics, morality, and even common decency. In some quarters it has even led to a perversion of values, reminiscent of the lament of the prophet: "Woe unto them that call evi. good, and good evil; that put darkness, for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20).

● One can hardly blame the young generation for their confusion and perplexity, considering the unheavals,, revolutions and wars which have plagued our times, and the bankruptcies of the various systems and ideologies to which the young generation has pinned its hopes for a better world. Moreover, many of those who should have been the teachers and guides of the younger generation, have compounded the confusion and misdirection, for various reasons which need not be elaborated here.

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One of the consequences of the said state of affairs is also the misconception prevailing in some quarters regarding the so-called "interfaith" movement. The "brotherhood of mankind" is a positive concept only so long as it is confined to such areas as commerce, philanthropy, and various civil and economic aspects of the society, wherein peoples of various faiths and minority groups must live together in harmony, mutual respect and dignity. Unfortunately, the concept of "brotherhood" has been misconstrued to require members of one faith to explain their religious beliefs and practices to members of another faith, and in return to receive instruction in the religion of others. Far from clarifying matters, these inter-faith activities have, at best, added to the confusion, and, at worst, have been used with missionary zeal by those religions committed to proselytizing members of other faiths.

The alarmingly growing rate of intermarriage has a variety of underlying causes. But there can be no doubt that one of the factors is the interfaith movement, or "dialogue" (which is a euphemism for the same), wherein clergymen of one faith are invited to preach from the pulpit of another. It is easy to see what effect this has on the minds of the young, as well as of their parents, whose commitments to their own faith are in any case near the vanishing point.

This in itself offers a complete justification for the prohibition which the Torah imposes upon the study of other faiths — if, indeed, external justification were necessary. Only in exceptional cases does the Torah permit the study of other religions, and that also only to specially qualified persons. Bitter experience has made it abundantly clear how harmful any such interfaith or dialogue is. Thus, even those Jews to whom the Torah is not yet, unfortunately, their Pillar of Light to illuminate their life, but who still wish to preserve their Jewish identity and, especially, the Jewish identity of their children — even they should clearly see the dangers of intermarriage and complete assimilation, G-d forbid, lurking behind these so-called "dialogues", and should reject them in no uncertain terms.

While we must not give up a single Jewish soul which happens to be in danger of straying from the path of Torah and Mitsvoth, and certainly in danger of intermarriage, or assimilation, G-d forbid, and we must spare no effort in trying to save that Jew or Jewess, even if it involves a lengthy "dialogue" with him or her, we must just as resolutely reject any such dialogue with a non-Jew, for the reasons mentioned, and also because we have no interest in his conversion to our faith.

To be sure, we have obligations to our society at large. We must contribute our share to the common weal, help to maintain and raise the standards of morality and ethics, and to encourage the non-Jew to observe the "Seven Precepts of the Children of Noah" in all their ramifications. But to accomplish these objectives, there is no need for us whatever to have any religious dialogues with non-Jews; nor any interfaith activities in the form of religious discussions, interchange of pulpits, and the like.

Finally, I wish to stress the following points:

(1) In most polemics, debates, dialogues and the like, the usual outcome is not a rapprochement of minds and hearts; rather do they evoke an impulse of rivalry and the desire to score a point, or gain a victory over the opponent by any means. This is usually the case even in non-religious polemics, and certainly very much so in religious debates, inasmuch as the subject matter touches one's inner soul; and even more so where religious zealots are concerned.

Hence, if the purpose of the "dialogue" is a rapprochement, it is doomed from the start, and often even brings the opposite results.

(2) Where one party to the dialogue is committed to proselytizing, and the other is not, it is clear that the dialogue will be used by the first to accomplish its purpose, and the "dialogue" will in effect become a "monologue".

(3) Looking at the question from a practical standpoint, perhaps the most important point is that the effort expended on such "dialogues" is, to say the least, a waste we can ill afford. For, every individual has only limited resources of time, energy, and influence, while every right-thinking person must feel a sense of responsibility to accomplish something in behalf of the community in which he lives. Experience has shown that the benefits, if any, from all such "dialogues" in terms of a better understanding among men of different faiths and races, have been hardly discernible. But certain it is that the energies thus expended have been at the expense of vital areas of Yiddishkeit, where there is a crying need for strengthening the Jewish faith and practices within our own ranks, especially among the younger generation.

There are, of course, some well-meaning, but misguided individuals, who see in interfaith and dialogue an avenue of lofty goals and ideals deserving of their utmost efforts. But there are also those who encourage them in their misconceptions, thus abetting the misdirection and misplacement of energies and resources, sorely needed elsewhere, namely, and to repeat, in the spreading among our youths a deeper knowledge of the Torah, *Torath Chayim*, which, as the name indicates, is the true guide in the daily life of the Jew, at all times, and in all places. For the Torah's truths are eternal, having been given by the Eternal, the Creator of man, and the Master and Ruler of the World, at all times and all places. It is a tragic irony, that precisely in this day and age, and in this country, where we have been blessed with freedom of worship, and do not face persecution and constant peril for every observance as in certain less fortunate countries, yet so many of our younger generation are lost to us daily by the default, negligence and misdirection of the leaders who should know better.

It is high time to replace interfaith with inner-faith, and concentrate on dialogue with our own misguided youth, as well as — to our shame — with the adults, so as to fan their slumbering embers of faith and to illuminate their lives with the Pillar of Light and the Pillar of Fire of the Torah.

P.S. In order to bring my reply in fuller accord with the details of your question, the above has been couched in terms that would be fitting for a person who is not committed to the Shulchan Aruch (Code of Jewish Law). However, from the viewpoin of the Jew to whom the Torah is indeed "a lamp unto his feet," the true guide and illumination in his daily life, the decisive reason for the outright rejection of religious dialogue is the prohibition imposed by the Torah against the study of other religions, except in very specific cases and by specially qualified individuals, as already mentioned.

In this connection I wish to clarify one more point. It is sometimes argued that the rejection of religious dialogue, or the prohibition of the study of other religions, indicates an acknowledgment of weakness, G-d forbid, on the part of the Torah vis-à-vis other religions. There is no need to refute this fallacious argument. However, if a weakness is involved, it is that of human nature. In the face of a promise of an easier way of life, free from the restrictions of 248 positive and 365 negative precepts, and more freedom to gratify one's lower instincts, many an individual may succumb to the temptation. Moreover, the human mind is often so inconstant that one may readily overlook the most glaring and evident truths that bar the way to the gratification of one's lusts.

Besides, in any dialogue or debate, the victory often goes not to the proponent of the truth, but to the one who is more skilled in dialectic and oratory. By sheer rhetoric, by the gift of eloquence, one may even succeed in calling "evil good and darkness light" to which reference has been made in the beginning of this letter.

Thus, from whatever viewpoint you consider the matter, religious dialogue with non-Jews has no place in Jewish life, least of all **here and now.**

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NEW CRISIS IN ISRAEL

FROM THE LAVON AFFAIR TO ITZHAQ RAPHAEL

by a Special Correspondent

JERUSALEM (CJN) — Religious circles in Israel are dismayed by what the National Religious Party leadership calls a "calumny" of one of its intellectual and political leaders, Itzhaq Raphael.

Mr. Itzhaq Raphael, who resigned last week as Deputy Health Minister because of Judge Gaulan's contention that he "knew" a subordinate, Yehuda Spiegel (now in prison), had accepted a bribe for a building contract, insists he will fight for his honor and to prove his innocence.

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, embarrassed by Gaulan's recognizing the word of Yehuda Spiegel, the prisoner, against the declaration of a minister, likewise stated that he "hopes" Mr. Raphael will succeed in clearing his name.

Mr. Raphael was not accused by the one-man commission of ever having benefitted from any bribe. What Mr. Spiegel said was: Mr. Raphael "knew" that he (Spiegel) intended to solicit a donation for a yeshiva; this was the recompense for influence-peddling.

The National Religious Party issued a statement declaring its full support of Itzhaq Raphael in his "just struggle against calumny."

In both Canada and the United States leaders of religious Jewry are incensed by this smear of reputation of one of the most brilliant younger heads of the Religious Zionist movement. One source told The Canadian Jewish News, because the government-majority has refused to appoint a three-man committee to establish the true facts, it is obvious that this is a pre-election gimmick against the religious parties.

Herut and the General Zionists have declined to support the extreme leftist suggestion in parliament to debate this case before such a committee is established.

Moshe Shapira, Minister of Health, is confident that without a doubt Mr. Raphael will exonerate himself. Thus the Minister of Health accepted his resignation, but only upon the insistence of this faithful servant of the people.

Also Dr. Z. Wahrhaftig, Minister of Religions, and Dr. Israel Ben Meir, Deputy Minister of Interior and temporary Deputy Minister of Health, have declared incontrovertibly that George Gaulan had been at fault in accepting the evidence of Spiegel, an embittered man whose intention was to incriminate others.

Appointing Dr. Ben Meir, Moshe Shapira has asked the former American rabbi and lawyer to serve temporarily in Raphael's post, until the matter is explained and Raphael's name rehabilitated.

It is predicted that the Raphael case may become a new cause celebre like the Lavon affair, involving large segments of religious Jewry in a battle against what some heads call the slander of one of their outstanding leaders who is the son-in-law of the late Yehuda Leib Maimon.

AUSTRIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

VIENNA (JCNS) — The Oesterreichische Volkspartei (O.V.P.) has nominated the former Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Alfons Gorbach, as its candidate in the presidential election on May 23.

Dr. Gorbach, a well-known anti-Nazi, was arrested in March, 1938 and confined in Dachau concentration camp for five years. He was released in 1943, but soon afterwards was re-arrested and detained in the Flossenburg camp until the end of the war.

The candidate of the S.P.O. (Socialist Party) is the Mayor of Vienna, Herr Franz Jonas.

PROFESSOR HALPERN RECEIVES SWORD

PARIS (JCNS) — M. Christian Fouchet, the French Minister of Education, presided at a brilliant ceremony at the Sorbonne, at the week-end, when Professor Bernard Halpern was presented with his sword, as a member of the French Academy of Sciences, to which he was elected on March 20, 1964.

Professor Halpern left his native Russian village as a 15-year-old boy and travelled on foot through Eurone to settle in France, where he was to become one of her most prominent scientists.

The Minister, in his speech, recalled the "magnificent lesson" which Professor Halpern's scientific work and life constituted. Professor Vallery-Radot, of the French Institute, in his eulogy, said to Professor Halpern:

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ISRAEL'S NEWEST CABINET MINISTER — The President of Israel, Mr. Zalman Shazar, with the Minister of Tourism, Mr. Akiva Govrin, at a Reception held in Jerusalem at which he addressed the Directors of Israel Government Tourist Offices abroad on the occasion of the conference on Tourism. The Israel Government Tourist Office for Canada was represented by Mr. R. Tur-Ner.

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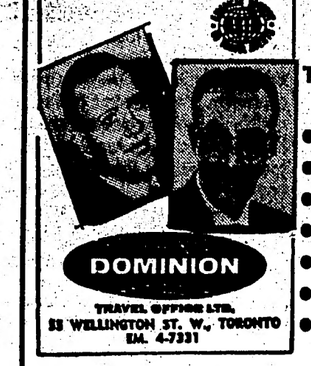

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Toronto's Beth Jacob banquet last week at the Shaarei Tefillah was one of the outstanding events of the season. Rabbi B. Rosensweig presided. The annual report was given by Rabbi M. J. Bobrowsky, president. Two of the students, in their messages, Magda Lebowitz, in Hebrew and Ruchie Nussbaum, in English, delivered impressive messages which greatly impressed the assembled. The highlight of the evening was the address by Rabbi Mordecai Gifter, Rosh Yeshiva of Telshe, Cleveland, O. He was introduced by his colleague Rabbi Yaacov Weinberg.

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NASSER IN TROUBLE

by JCNS DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

LONDON (JCNS) — For years Israel and her friends have been seeking, among other objectives, to achieve the normalisation of diplomatic relations with the Federal German Republic, and to evoke the first glimmer of recognition in the Arab world that the "Palestine question" must be solved by negotiation, not by war. These two diplomatic milestones have now been approached in the space of less than a week. Some of the credit is due to Israel's firmness and patient diplomacy. But the developments also owe much to President Nasser.

In recent weeks the weakness of German diplomacy was successfully exploited by the Egyptian dictator. His crowning triumph came when Bonn agreed to suspend arms deliveries to Israel in order to dissuade Nasser from recognising the East German puppet Government. But Bonn received no quid pro quo. On the contrary, the Federal Republic was humiliated by the fulsome reception given to Herr Ulbricht on his "State" visit. Why Nasser went so far remains a matter from argument. Some commentators believe that he was fully committed to do so in return for favours received or anticipated from the Communist block; others that his actions were designed principally to impress Egyptians and the Arab world and counteract the effects of the disastrous Yemeni campaign. At all events Nasser overreached himself and Dr. Erhard was provoked into taking strong action, cutting off economic aid to Egypt and opening negotiations with Israel.

As was to be expected, Nasser is huffing and puffing and convening the Arab League to decide on reprisals against Bonn. But Chancellor Erhard has made it clear that he means to stand by his decision come what may and that he has drawn the correct lessons from events of the past weeks.

The Arab world is again in disarray, thanks first and foremost to Nasser's own intransigence. The Saudi-Egyptian conflict has flared up afresh. King Feisal's accession to the throne, far from opening Saudi Arabia to Nasserism, as some had feared, has strengthened its struggle for a Saudi way of development, blending Arab traditions with gradual modernisation. Feisal's initiative in seeking a truce in the Yemen having been abused by the Egyptians, the Saudi Government is now supporting the Yemeni resistance to Egypt more vigorously and following a more pro-Western foreign policy.

Still more significant is President Bourguiba's outspoken appeal to the Jordanians to seek a peaceful solution to the Palestine problem. President Bourguiba is one of the outstanding leaders of Arab nationalism, the man who created the Tunisian national movement and led it from a clandestine existence to fulfilment. His visit to Jordan is part of a bid to mobilise constructive moderate Arab nationalism to achieve the positive aims of the Arab revival and to check expansionism by national-totalitarian movements of the Nasserist variety.

It is no secret that the Tunisian President and his associates have long been convinced that the Arab world should seek an honourable and peaceful **modus vivendi with Israel. They** respect Israel's achievements and believe in negotiation and co-operation wherever possible. But they have also held that this was a matter which Israel's Arab neighbours would have to decide for themselves and that Tunisian intervention would serve no useful end. Indeed, if it were used to inflame religious or nationalist fanaticism at home and abroad against the Bourguiba regime it would be self defeating.

Now, obviously, President Bourguiba has reassessed the situation. His own position is strong enough at home and abroad to permit him to take the initiative. The Libyan Government is no longer tottering; internal opposition has been disarmed; the Cairo-Algiers axis is showing signs of strain; Nasser has again lost his momentum. It seems unlikely that such a statement would have been made in Jerusalem without prior consultation with the Jordan Government. After all, Bourguiba's aim is to help King Hussein, not to embarrass him. Although it would be unwise to raise hopes of any early transformation of the present situation, the events of this past week may well be the first intimations of fundamental changes in Israel's relationship with her neighbours and the West.

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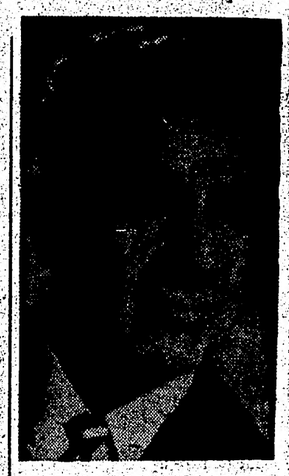

NEW PRESIDENT OF UNITED ORGANIZATIONS FOR HISTADRUT:- Samuel Bierstone, long time leader in the United Organizations for Histadrut in Toronto's Jewish Community, who has been elected chairman at a special meeting of the executive body on Thursday, March 19th. Mr. Bierstone replaces Zvi Ferens who has assumed the position of executive director of the Farband Labour Zionist Order.

letters to and from the editor

IS THE "HALL OF FAME" VITAL TO THE COMMUNITY?

Dear Editor:

I very quickly read your Commentary in the March 26th issue and, at first glance, it seemed to be a good bit of satire. Reading it over a little more carefully, I had to change my opinion; for it was quite evident that it smacked of malice and ill-will. Such writing does no credit to you or your paper and is a distinct disservice to the community.

To speak of the men who are ex-chairmen of U.J.A., U.J.W.F. and other worthy organizations in the patronizing and disparaging tones of the article, it seems to me, is journalism at a very low ebb. I agree with you, in our present society, most campaigns for worthwhile projects depend a great deal on gimmicks and the charity campaign promoters, as you call them. Perhaps, you forget the thousands of eager beaver workers who go out and knock on doors to raise the tremendous sums our community requires for charity, education, hospital, culture, etc., etc.

You also evidentally have forgotten that without tremendous sums annually raised in Toronto, we would not have had the fine educational institutions, hospital, old folks home nor the millions of dollars sent overseas to Israel and other countries.

In your column you denigrate the devotion and efforts of a number of people who would measure up in culture and other attributes with similar groups of people in many other large centres.

Apparently you do not like the present system of raising funds. I can not agree more with you. It would be wonderful if everyone were made to give according to his means. Then you would not need any campaign chairmen or any 'gimmicks'.

Your paper could be of great service to our community providing it becomes a forum for the dissemination of community news and ideas, and not a vehicle for carrying out feuds. I refer particularly to your snide and malicious remark, and I quote,

"who, by the way, are footing the bill for this Purim treat from UJA funds — really do not have any intellectual claim in a Hall of Fame."

Unfortunately it is a fact not every person who does a good job in fund raising is an intellectual giant.

Speaking for myself and I am sure that I echo the feelings of most of the people who are being honoured in saying that none of us, had we been free agents, would have wanted this or any other kind of honour. We do not require it, we do not ask for it; we would be very happy to be left alone to enjoy being with our families rather than immersed in the multitude of campaigns and 'Hall of Fame dinners'!

I am writing this to you in the hope that it will clear up some of the misconceptions in your mind.

TORONTO

MARK A. LEVY

from the editor:

1.) I regret that Mr. Mark A. Levy shows no sense of humor, for he should have chuckled along with us at the manner in which ex-chairmen of organizations are being "honored". If I were one of those contributors, I should resent being placed in a Hall of Fame only because I gave some money to charity, most of which is, by the way, tax deductible.

2.) I am not the first to criticize the operations of the United Jewish Appeal. South of the border, leaders of the Conservative and Reform rabbinate have attacked openly the United Jewish Appeal for the "insincerity in the theme of its appeal."

A dedicated, devoted person like Mr. Levy should have demanded an investigation by a kind of Jewish royal commission into how some of these millions sent overseas are distributed.

3.) It would be wonderful, says Mr. Levy, if everyone were made to give according to his means.

Here is the crux of the problem. If one ignores these gimmicks, it is because a sensible man sometimes reaches the point of nausea when he reads the compliments paid some people who absolutely do not deserve such honor; nor should they be presented to our children to be emulated as exemplary leaders of our community.

4. Speaking of feuds, Mr. Levy and I know a journalist in this city who has been maligned and all but pushed out of business because he would not run headlines according to ignoramuses whose only concern is to flatter a nobody in order to extract from him a few dollars.

5. Mr. Levy conveniently ignores the fact that those who can afford to give are not by far the representatives of the community. No one elected these people to represent the community—except the charity campaign promoters.

6. The people of the United States and Canada are beginning to see clearly through these gimmicks. They know that, because of tax deductions, some nonentities are controling the distribution of funds.

The United Jewish Appeal is not the only fundraising campaign. And, to cite an instance, it did not build the Jewish day school system on this continent.

7. Talking of low ebb journalism, certainly the "community" cannot pride itself on its contribution to its improvement. As a matter of fact, can Mr. Levy deny that UJA funds are used for cheap publicity?

8. Mr. Levy conveniently ignores the fact that these fundraising gimmicks, cheap publicity and unheard of flattery bestowed upon charity givers at public functions and in subsidized publications have estranged completely the younger generation from activities in the Jewish community.

9. What goes on in the Jewish community and is tolerated by some leaders never could have been possible in a civilized, democratic society. Would the government of Canada, for example, publish newspapers at the expense of the taxpayer, flattering the Cabinet Ministers, denigrating the Opposition because it does not like what a newspaper printed about Pearson or Diefenbaker? What would the Canadian taxpayer say if Mr. Pearson established a newspaper in order to place some of his Cabinet Ministers in a "Hall of Fame"?

10. In the final analysis, who, in our generation, belongs in a Hall of Fame? Agnon? Begin? Ben Gurion? Buber? Chagall? Moshe Dayan? Louis Finkelstein? Nelson Gluck? The Hasidic rabbis? Artur Rubenstein? Jonas Salk? Soloveitchik? Or...?

11. The principle laid down in the Talmud still is valid: Those who raise funds from the public never should have a say in their distribution.

NJFO HOLD CONFERENCE

At the annual conference of the New Jewish Fraternal Organization, held Sunday, March 14th, a decision was made to raise $2,500.00 for a perpetual scholarship to the Histadrut Amal Scholarship Fund.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Morris Biderman, president, stressed the importance of giving this scholarship which enables an Israeli youth to attend a vocational school in order to learn a trade, thus becoming a productive citizen of his country.

The $2,500.00 which they hope to raise will be invested in Histadrut industry; the interest will make it possible, in perpetuity, for a young person to attend school every year.

The conference unanimously voted to raise the necessary funds and to present the scholarship in the name of their organization.

TORONTO OBITUARIES

APPLEBY, ROBERT. On March 25th, late of 25 Clarendon Avenue.

BINDER, WILLIAM. On March 28th, late of 535 Clinton Street.

DRUKER, DIANA. On March 27, late of 27 Yeoman Road.

GUTTMANN, BERTHA. On March 27th, late of 115 Holland Avenue.

KARP, MINA. On March 25th, late of 230 Beverley Street.

MARCHEWKA, KARJNDLA. On March 28th, late of 155 Yorkdown Drive.

MELZER, ABRAHAM. On March 23rd, late of 494 Avenue Road.

MORGENSTEIN, ABRAHAM. On March 28th, late of 4 Krieger Crescent.

RENSLER, BESSIE. On March 26th, late of 24 Carus Avenue.

SHER, MARY. On March 24th, late of 30 Collinson Blvd.

SHOICHET, MOLLY. On March 25th, late of 151 Dewborne Avenue.

Services arranged by Park Memorial Chapel, 508 Spadina Avenue.

DAVIS, FAY. On March 21st, late of 552 Lawrence Avenue West.

WEISS, SAMUEL. On March 28th, late of 85 Vaughan Road.

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Revolt Against PR Leaders

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vivors of Nazi Oppression in Montreal and Toronto's United Organization for Histadrut, it was agreed that the anti-hate legislation battle in Ottawa has not given any results because of the wrong attitude taken by those involved. The meeting was held in camera. However, the News learns that it was resolved to undertake a separate action in Ottawa unless leadership in public relations is changed.

Officially the News was told that the meeting dealt with only the problem of co-ordinating all efforts with the view of renewing the legislation campaign. We also learn that a provisional committee was established for this purpose. This provisional co-ordinating committee consists of the following: Paul Goldstein, Isaac Mandelbaum, Lou Zablow (Montreal); Sam Bierstone, Julius Chiechanowski, Harry Mandelbaum (Toronto).

The organizers refused any information to the press except that news will be released "in due time."

YIDDISH IS "WITH IT"

By T. W. ROSMARIN

At a cocktail party at the Plaza the other day, I found myself receiving a number of testimonials from the very chic stressing their Yiddish connections. Many New York Jews with "intellectual" pretentions are now proud of their Yiddish speaking grandparents, who owned sets of Sholem Aleichem "in the original" and read the "Tageblat" (precursor of the "Jewish Day-Morning Journal").

The extent to which Yiddish has become fashionable may be seen from a newspaper advertisement for Sean O'Casey's "Pictures in the Hallway". "You don't have to be Irish to enjoy" the play, the advertisement says, continuing by quoting from a review in the "Journal American". The review was in English, but the quotation is in Yiddish, translated from the original.

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